

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

I. ESTIMATED WINTER LAMBING, 1938.

Lambs marked 2,750,000 (2,350,000) increase 400,000. 73 (67)%.

DIVISION	NO. OF EWES MATED	LAMBS	MARKED
		Total No.	Percent to Ewes
Central	880,000	660,000	75
Lower North	565,000	455,000	80
Upper North	400,000	280,000	70
South Eastern	475,000	380,000	80
Western	620,000	430,000	70
Murray Mallee	360,000	230,000	65
Total Counties 1938	3,300,000	2,435,000	74
1937	3,080,000	2,090,000	68
Outside Counties 1938	450,000	315,000	70
1937	420,000	260,000	62
Total State, 1938	3,750,000	2,750,000	73
1937	3,500,000	2,350,000	67
1936	3,350,000	1,980,000	59
1935	3,250,000	1,950,000	60

The foregoing figures refer only to Winter Lambing, and are exclusive of approximately 150,000 Ewes reported as reserved for Spring Lambing.

Returns previously received from sheep owners had indicated that approximately 4,050,000 ewes had been mated or reserved for the 1938 winter and spring lambing, but present advices have reduced the total number of ewes mated to approximately 3,900,000.

Including the spring lambing, there should be 2,850,000 lambs marked this year compared with 2,476,804 last year, which was the previous record. The earlier record number of lambs marked was 2,270,081 in 1932 when the percentage was 72.59. The percentage estimated for this year is 73. The highest percentage recorded was 78.68 in 1917, and the percentage was 73.80 in 1911 and 73.01 in 1931.

II. WOOLSCOURING AND FELIMONGERING WORKS.

Excluding wool scoured in Woollen mills 12,104,311 (10,503,897) lbs. of greasy wool were treated and 4,457,178 (4,195,883) lbs. scoured wool obtained, average 2.7 (2.5) lbs. greasy to 1 lb. scoured. From Sheepskins and pieces stripped, there was obtained the equivalent of 3,578,000 (2,877,000) lbs. of greasy wool.

III. WOOLLEN MILLS, 1937-38. Approximately 1,750,000 (2,200,000) lbs. of greasy wool were used in local woollen mills.

IV. STOCKS OF WOOL &c. JUNE 30th, 1938. The stocks held on June 30th, 1938 by Woollen Mills, Scourers, and Wool and Skin Merchants were - Greasy Wool 9,789,814 (7,555,975) lbs; Scoured Wool 1,014,950 (429,152) lbs; and Sheep skins with Wool on No. 142,894 (155,020).

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